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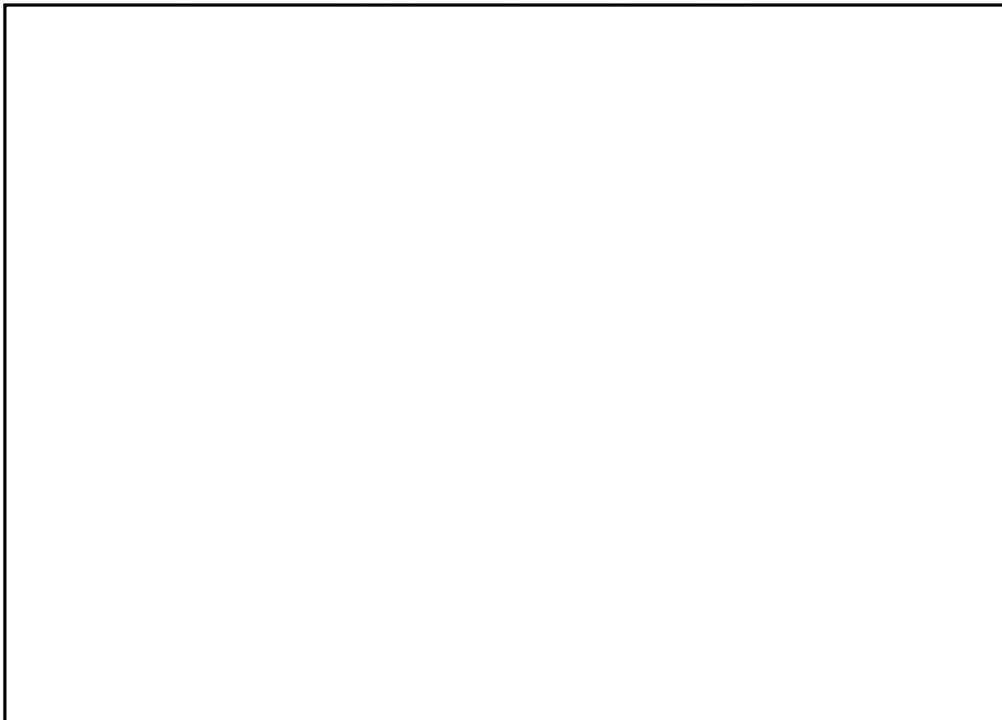
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3. SOME BRITISH SHIPPING BEING DIVERTED TO
AVOID SUEZ CANAL

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Comment on:

British shipowners have begun to route around Africa passenger ships normally passing through Suez. Diversions of cargo ships will presumably be ordered if delays occur in transit of ships through the canal under Egyptian management. London shipping rates to the Far East have been increased 15 percent in anticipation of the cost of delays at the canal or possible rerouting.

The American naval attaché in Colombo reports that 11 passenger ships have already been rerouted. Two British passenger lines were reported on 14 September to have said that all their ships would avoid the canal. [redacted]

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4. KHRUSHCHEV VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA

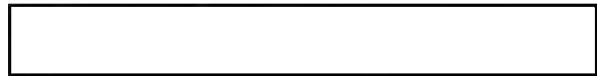
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TASS has announced that Khrushchev will visit Yugoslavia on 19 September for a few days' rest, but Yugoslav officials have announced that he would hold talks with President Tito. In the light of recent reports that important differences have arisen between the two countries over developments in the Satellites, Khrushchev may seek to persuade Tito to stop pressing for more liberalized policies in the Satellites.

Moscow reportedly warned the Satellite parties early in September against being influenced by Yugoslavia.

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6. MALAYAN CHIEF MINISTER MAY ACCEPT ROLE IN SINGAPORE SELF-GOVERNMENT

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[Redacted]

Chief Minister Rahman told the American consul general in Kuala Lumpur that despite apprehension among certain elements of his party, he believes his government must accept a role in the establishment of self-government for Singapore. He is willing to run the risk of involvement in the Singapore situation because of fear that an independent Malaya might be caught between the Communists in the jungle and a Communist-controlled government in Singapore.

Rahman said the British had suggested that he and Singapore chief minister Lim Yew Hock come to London at the same time in December to work out a common approach to the Singapore situation. Talks on Singapore self-government last spring ran aground over Britain's refusal to cede control over internal security to the local government. The British are now considering limited self-government for Singapore with joint British-Malayan responsibility for internal security until the long-range objective of a Malaya-Singapore merger can be achieved. Specifically, the British now want to appoint a federation minister to serve on the proposed Singapore internal security council.

Rahman has long been convinced it would be dangerous for Malaya to become involved in Singapore's complicated problems, which arise primarily from Communist subversion of the colony's predominantly Chinese population. His willingness to risk such involvement should considerably relieve the difficulties surrounding Singapore's demand for self-government.

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